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For : DRIVE DEVICE AND DRIVE METHOD FOR A COLD CATHODE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-8087 to NIPPON ELECTRIC CORP.,
published November 7, 2000, as well an English language abstract;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-27,955 to NEC CORP, published
January 29, 1999, as well as an English language abstract; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,087,757 to HONBO et al., issued July 11, 2000 and corresponding
to the above-noted Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-8,087 published January
12, 1999.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed English language abstracts of the Japanese documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

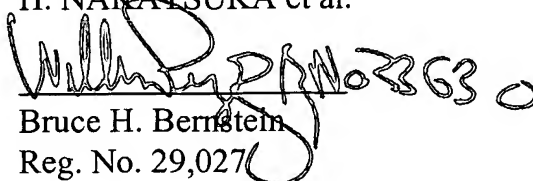
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/987,869 to NAKATSUKA et al., filed November 16, 2001 and entitled "Apparatus and Method for Driving a Cathode Discharge Tube".

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted patent application, as filed, is attached hereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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